

Col. *Lloyd*, and *Daniel Dulany*, Esq; from the Upper House, acquaint the Members of this House, That the Governor requires their Attendance in the Upper House.

The Members of the Lower House went to the Upper House, and his Excellency made the following Speech:

GENTLEMEN of the Upper and Lower Houses of ASSEMBLY,

**N**OT doubting but you are affected with extreme Sorrow and Concern for the Death of our late most Gracious Sovereign, of happy Memory, whose paternal Care We and all our Fellow-Subjects in these Colonies have most sensibly experienced, I sincerely condole with you on that melancholy Event; the fatal Consequences of which would be most severely felt throughout the extensive Dominions of *Great-Britain*, was not his Majesty happily succeeded by one of his illustrious Descendants, whose many eminent and princely Virtues render Him dear to all His Subjects, and give them full Assurance of the Continuance of the innumerable Blessings which they have enjoyed during the long, mild, just, and glorious Reign of his Royal Grandfather. That His People may enjoy these Blessings in the fullest Extent, His Majesty wishes to see His Kingdoms in a State of Tranquility; but being thoroughly persuaded that a vigorous Prosecution of the just War in which the Nation is engaged, is the only effectual Measure to reduce the Enemy to the Necessity of accepting Peace on Terms of Glory and Advantage to His Crown, and particularly beneficial to His Subjects in *America*, whose Interest He hath much at Heart; His Majesty hath been pleased to give Orders, that such Part of His Regular Forces in *North-America* as may be adequate to some great and important Enterprize, be employed in some other Quarter against the Enemy during the ensuing Campaign; and that the Security of His Dominions on this Continent, particularly of the Countries, which, in the Course of this War, have, by the Blessing of the Almighty on the *British* Arms, been reduced to the Obedience of our Sovereign, may be the better provided for, His Majesty hath been pleased to signify His Expectations, that His dutiful and loyal Subjects in these Colonies will, without Delay, raise and support a sufficient Number of Troops for that Service, to be employed on this Continent during the Absence of such Regulars, in the Manner that the Commander in Chief of all his Forces in *North-America* shall direct.

That you may be more fully apprized what Assistance His Majesty requires of you in particular, and how he vouchsafes to invite you by Promises and Encouragements to do what your Duty to Him, and a Regard for your own Happiness and that of your Posterity, must strongly prompt you to perform, I shall lay before you a Letter from the Right Honourable *William Pitt*, Esq; and another from his Excellency General *Amherst*, hoping you will be thereby induced to pursue, at this Time, such Measures, as that they may both have the Satisfaction to Report to Our most Gracious Sovereign, how cheerfully you shall have complied with His Majesty's Requisition. As I did not, by Reason of the *Leicester* Packet's being lost, receive the Secretary of State's Letter so early as he expected I should receive it, and the Season is already come when the Troops, for which I am ordered to solicit you, ought to have been ready to march, I must intreat you to lose no Time, but with the utmost Expedition to prepare a Bill that will effectually answer the Purposes recommended to you: By such a Proceeding you will, I flatter myself, incline His Majesty to entertain a favourable Opinion of the Inhabitants of this Province, you will give the best Proof of your Attachment to His Sacred Person and Government, and of your earnest Desire to be thought worthy of the Blessings, which all his good and loyal Subjects have abundant Reason to promise themselves under his auspicious Reign.

Mr. Speaker (with the Rest of the Members) returned to the Lower House, and re-assumed the Chair.

The House proceeds to choose a Clerk, and made Choice of Mr. *John Allen Thomas*.

Ordered, That Mr. *John Goldsbrough* and Mr. *Matthew Tilghman* do acquaint his Excellency with the Choice which this House hath made of a Clerk, and to desire his Approbation. They returned, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That they delivered the Message.

Ordered, That Mr. *Murdock* and Mr. *Hanson* do go with Mr. *Thomas* to the Upper House, to see him Qualified. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That they saw him take the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, sign the Oath of Abjuration, and repeat and sign the Test, and take the Oath of Office.

Ordered, That his Excellency's Speech (a Copy of which the Governor delivered Mr. Speaker) be Read; which was accordingly; and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, That Dr. *Steuart* do administer to Capt. *Robert Sanders*, Serjeant at Arms, and *Andrew Buchanan*, Door-Keeper, to the Lower House of Assembly, the several Oaths to the Government, and the Oaths of their respective Offices.

Dr. *Steuart* acquaints Mr. Speaker, That Capt. *Robert Sanders* and *Andrew Buchanan* had taken the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test, and severally took the Oath of Office.

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